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Valedictorian Discussion

Reviewing stakeholder feedback on the Valedictorian decision.



Stakeholder Participation

In an effort to gather information and further feedback on the best path forward to recognize students during graduation, I met with the following stakeholders:



Student Groups

- Peer Group Connections
- District Youth Council
- Student Council
- National Honor Society



School Staff

- Faribault High School Staff



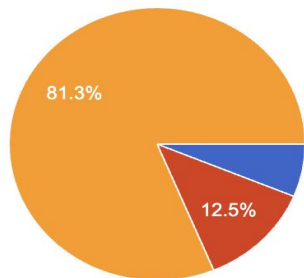
Parents & Community

- An open parent listening session



Student Feedback

In reviewing input from our students, the majority advocate for a hybrid framework including both the Valedictorian tradition along with a Latin Honors model.



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- Go with the new latin honors model (3.0-3.499 black cord, 3.5-4.0 Gold cord, 4.0+green/white cord)
- Have both Valedictorian/Latin Honors Model

Student Quotes

1. “Valedictorian should definitely be kept in place, and expanding recognition for high achieving students with the Latin Honors model is a great addition.”
2. “I think both are rewarding and should be kept, a lot of people work hard and appreciate these titles!”



Staff Feedback



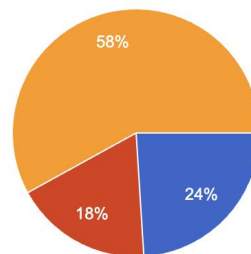
58%

Support Dual Framework

Staff feedback demonstrates support for a dual framework approach combining Valedictorian recognition with a Latin Honors framework.



Survey Breakdown



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Parent Feedback

Parent feedback indicates that they advocate for a hybrid framework including both the Valedictorian tradition along with a Latin Honors model. All parents in our Faribault High School listening session agreed on this decision.



Suggested graduation recognition model for the 27/28 school year

Based on extensive feedback from Faribault High School students, staff, and families, I recommend adopting a hybrid graduation recognition framework. This would include combining a traditional Valedictorian model with an adjusted Latin Honors system, beginning with the 2027-2028 school year. The adjusted Latin Honors system would still include our black cord recognition model for students with a 3.0-3.499.